

How to file a petition to reopen

If your disability has gotten worse after a workers' compensation judge has issued an award, this form can be used to reopen your case.

You should get a medical report from your doctor saying your condition has worsened, and collect any other facts that support your case.

Complete the form, following the attached sample. Be sure to sign and date the form.

You have five years from the date of injury to file this petition.

If the insurance company won't voluntarily reopen your case and you are ready for a hearing, fill out a declaration of readiness to proceed (see I&A guide 5) and submit it with your petition.

Mail the original forms to your local Workers' Compensation Appeals Board office. Send a copy to the insurance company handling your claim. Keep a copy for your records.

If you need help, call an Information and Assistance (I&A) office, or attend a workshop for injured workers. The local I&A phone numbers are listed on the back of this guide. You can get information on a local workshop from the I&A office or on the Web at www.dir.ca.gov/dwc.

The information contained in this guide is general in nature and is not intended as a substitute for legal advice. Changes in the law or the specific facts of your case may result in legal interpretations different than those presented here.

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1661 N. Raymond Ave., Suite 202
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Information & Assistance Unit **(408) 277-1292**

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28 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 451
Information & Assistance Unit **(714) 558-4597**

SANTA ROSA, 95404-4760

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6150 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 105
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Explain in your words why you feel your case should be reopened

